

Please pray for these students as they continue their preparation for Confirmation. Allie Parker, Ellie Fleener, Nolan Duquaine, Maria Whitehead, Rachel Holkenbrink, Ellie Pierce, Andrea Moody, Jackson Mills, Ailyn Zurliene and Andrew Milligan.

March 2-5, 2019 St. Stephen Catholic Church Caseyville Mission Begins Saturday with opening Liturgy at 5pm with fellowship to follow. The Mission Preacher is Fr. Tom Donaldson, a Catholic priest and member of the Redemptorist Congregation. See bulletin board

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation If you want to know about our faith, or would like to join us, contact Father Charles at 618-662-6261, Cheryl McCarty at 815-343-1502, Ginny Barrett at 618-335-6926, or Mary Murphy at 618-599-5018

Listed in the Messenger: We have received fish fry information from the following parishes: St. Henry, Belleville; St. Mary, Belleville; St. Teresa, Belleville; St. Mary, Centralia; Sacred Heart, Du Quoin; Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights; St. Joseph, Freeburg; St. Agatha, New Athens; St. Michael, Paderborn; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault.

February 21 -Joint Pastoral Council 7pm at St. Edward Church

March 6 - Ash Wednesday
St. Stephen 7 a.m.
St. Edward 6:30 p.m.

EMBRACING AUTHENTIC LOVE

Three Day Speaker Event - St. Anthony's Parish Center, Effingham

- **February 17, 7 p.m.** Humane Vitae: Understanding Love and Marriage in the Image of God. Joe Gehert.
- **February 18, 7 p.m.** The Struggle is Real. Embracing the Truth Behind the Churches Teachings. Patty Scheider
- **February 19, 7 p.m.** A Medical Perspective on the Effectiveness of Natural Family Planning and NaPro Technology – Dr. Gavin Puthoff, MD.

See bulletin board for more information.



St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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St. Edward Mass Schedule:
1st and 3rd Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday – 8:30 a.m.

Parish Office: Peggy Garrison, Secretary
Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
Rectory/Office 847-7931 Fax 847-7393
Parish Hall 847-7512

Bulletin Information to Peg Garrison, Parish Office. Please submit by noon on Thursday

New Parishioners Register - Parish Office
PSR Coordinator: Peg Garrison
RCIA Coordinator: Ginny Barrett
Music Director: Denise Zurliene

Pastoral Council – 3rd Thursday
Altar Sodality – 3rd Monday
Men's Club - As announced
CYO Meeting - As announced
Food Pantry Distribution 2nd Saturday 8am

Baptism, Marriage, Vocations, Sacrament of Anointing & Care of the Sick,
contact Father Charles Anyaoku or call St. Edward or St. Stephen Parish Offices.

One thing I ask of the Lord, and this I long, to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps. 27, 4)
That should be our daily prayer. That should be our daily desire. That should be our daily wish.

St. Stephen Mass Schedule:
2nd and 4th Saturday 5 p.m.,
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday after mass, Sunday 8 – 8:20 a.m. or
call for appointment

Parish Office: Trudi Herdes, Secretary, Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon, Office, Fax &
Social Room 662-8121, Rectory 662-6261

Bulletin information to Beth Fancher, 665-3163
submit by Thursday, email bafancher@wabash.net
New Parishioner Register contact Father Charles,
Trudi Herdes or Dorothy Uebinger 662-3711

Music Director: Diane Briscoe
PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine
RCIA Coordinator: Cheryl McCarty
Sacristan: Sam Pierce

Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday, 7 pm
Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Altar Society - As announced
Pastoral Council - 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Food Pantry Collection - First Weekend

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 16, NO MASS

Sunday, February 17, 8:30 a.m. mass- Kathryn Fleener+

Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. mass – Margo Etchison+

Thursday, Feb. 21, 8 a.m. mass– Catholic Extension Donors

Saturday, February 23, 5:00 p.m. - Robert & Agnes Feldhake+

Sunday, February 24, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Rosary begins 30 minutes before mass

Weekly Contribution 02/10/19

Envelopes.....\$1,524.00 (41)

Loose..... \$ 152.00

Total\$1,676.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Saturday – 51

Sunday- 45

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Joe Falica, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Clarence & Clarice Schweighart Painter, Ray & Irene Winka, Steve Dudzik, Ruth Wilson, Roger Wells, Becky Payne, Bob Bluhm, Rhonda Ryker, Dr. Don Bunnell, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, J.R. Means, Lois Houlihan, Cory Britton, Lucille Anderson, Debbie Jones, Ed Perk, Georgia Klingler, Gene Leonard, Celeste Replogle, Georgianna Weber, Steve Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton, Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiestand, Jim McCarty, Sister Kate Kuenstler, Kathryn Erwin Dunnigan, Luke Miller, Betty Greenwood, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Mari Reichel

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, February 23 Lector – Joe Beauchamp

Commentator - Jim Fehrenbacher

EM – Cheryl McCarty, Paul Birk, Pat Ridgeway

Servers – Pierce Family

Ushers – Jim Klein, Jerry Price

Sunday, February 24

Lector- Emily Milner

Commentator- Ted Whitehead

EM – Dorothy Uebinger, Phil & Beth Fancher

Servers – Max and Nolan Duquaine, Kehlin Crawford

Ushers – Jerod Fleener, Tony Holkenbrink

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Saturday, February 16, NO MASS

Sunday, February 17, 8:30 a.m. mass,

Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 mass, Bible study

Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m. mass, Pastoral Council Adoration 7 p.m. -12midnight

Thursday, February 21, 8 a.m. mass Joint Pastoral Council

Friday, February 22, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.

Saturday, February 23, 5:00 p.m. mass

Sunday, February 24, 8:30 a.m. mass

Wednesday, February 27 Finance Committee

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 16, 5:00pm—John Robison III+

Sunday, February 17, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Thursday, February 21, 6:30pm—Blessings Received

Friday, February 22, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors

Saturday, February 23—NO MASS

Sunday, February 24, 10:30am—Blessings for Fr. Charles Anyaoku

Weekly Contr.—02/10/2019

Envelopes(11) \$ 743.00

Loose 42.00

Total \$ 785.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 42.00

Donations 20.00

Attendance: Sat. 0 Sun. 23

Freezing Rain

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain Thompson, Kurt Wiseman, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Paula Zdan, Maddox Oppenheimer, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Tom Colvin, Andrew Mayo, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Homer and Shirley Clark, Alice Zurliene, Tim Dittmer, Megan Young, Cody Burroughs, Terri Venturelli, Linda States, Connie Cusick, James Rawls, Jim Thompson, all priests who are sick

Saturday, February 23—NO MASS

Lector:

E.Min:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Server:

Sunday, February 24: 10:30am

Lector: Nick Zurliene

E. Min: Peg Garrison, Ginny Barrett

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Rick Titzer

Gifts: The Nick Zurliene Family

Servers Cali Bunting, Peyton Felowitz

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Weekday

Gn 4:1-15, 25 Mk 8:11-13

Tues: Weekday

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Weekday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Mk 8:22-26

Thur: Saint Peter Damian, Bishop

Gn 9:1-13 Mk 8:27-33

Fri: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

Sat: Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

Heb 11:1-7 Mk 9:2-13

Sun: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49

Lk 6:27-38

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, February 23rd—There will be no mass at St. Edward.

PSR NEWS

Feb. 17th—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm
Feb 23rd—PSR CLASS 9:00am No Confirmation
Mar 3rd—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm
Mar 10th—PSR CLASS 9:00am No Confirmation
Mar 17th—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm
Mar 24th—PSR CLASS 9:00am No Confirmation

CYO NEWS

The CYO would like to thank St. Edward Parishioners for their participation in the “Souper Bowl of Caring” project. They collected 156 non-perishable items plus \$57.00 in monetary donations. All donations were given to St. Edward Food Pantry.

LOOKING AHEAD

February 18th—Altar Sodality 6:00pm
February 21st—Joint Pastoral Council 7:00pm (at St. Edward Church)
February 24th—Father Charles Birthday party following 10:30am mass.
March 6th—Ash Wednesday (St. Stephen—7:00am) (St. Edward—6:30pm)
March 14th—Altar Sodality Salad Luncheon (11:00am—1:00pm)
March 16th—St. Patrick’s Dinner 6pm (after mass)
March 21st—Pastoral Council 7:00pm

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Next Sunday, February 24th is Father Charles’ birthday. We will be having a potluck luncheon to help him celebrate. The parish will provide meat & drinks. Please bring covered dish or dessert. Everyone is invited.

SCOUT SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 24rd two of St. Edward’s Boy Scouts was recognized by the Diocese of Belleville National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Aaron Kosmatka has earned The **Light of Christ** religious emblem and he’s a Cub Scout in Pack 173—Fairfield. Jackson Mills has earned the **Pope Pius XII** religious emblem. Additionally, Jackson will be awarded the **Pillars of Faith**, for earning all four of the religious emblems in Catholic Scouting. He is an Eagle Scout in Troop 282—Flora.
We are very proud of Aaron & Jackson. Congratulations!!!

ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER

St. Patrick’s Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 16th after 5:00pm mass. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin for workers & how many attending.

FOOD PANTRY SERVED 41 FAMILIES ADDING UP TO HELPING 90 PEOPLE. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

MARCH DELIVERY OF MEALS ON WHEELS

We are scheduled to deliver meals in March. We deliver Monday through Friday starting around 10:30 a.m. It takes about an hour. We have two routes. Questions call Beth Fancher 618-676-4292 or email bafancher@wabash.net.

All help appreciated! This is a **Wonderful** ministry to help with. Sign up sheet at south door table.



Special Events!

POT LUCK St. Stephen parishioners are invited to attend a pot luck dinner in honor of Father Charles' birthday on Saturday, Feb. 23, immediately following the 5 p.m. mass. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Please plan to attend for an evening of good food and good company!



February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb. 14 Krista Weidner’s birthday
Feb. 17 Dorothy Uebinger’s birthday
Feb. 24 Father Charles’ birthday

Election Pastoral Council

Members with unexpired terms: Cheryl McCarty, Susan Schroeder, Emily Milner and Justin Fleener.

Thank you Krista and Deb for serving on the council!

BULLETINS ARE NOW ON THE BOOKSHELVES by the tables at the entrance doors in church. Pick one up, lots of information. There are extra bulletins in the mail box on the south door of the church.

If you are celebrating an occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, new birth, or wedding, please contact Trudi Herdes at church or Beth Fancher 618-676-4292 or bafancher@wabash.net We would like to pray for you, put it in the bulletin and compile a list.

St. Stephen PSR 2019 Calendar

Sunday Class Time 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 3 Class	March 3 Class	April 7 Class
Feb. 10 Class	March 10 Class	April 14 No Class Palm Sunday
Feb. 17 Class	March 17 Class	April 21 No Class Easter
Feb. 24 Class	March 24 Class	April 28 Class
	March 31 Class	

From Father Charles’ Desk

Topic: What nourishes our life? Is it the sand or the stream?

Today we celebrate the sixth Sunday in ordinary time.

In today’s Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26, when the Lord says “ Blessed ” are you poor, hungry and so forth, He is not saying to those who are burdened by life that their life is ideal, far from it. The Lord is teaching that there is a truth within their circumstances, a strength they don’t realize. Within the tragedy of their lives is a hidden grace.

When the Lord says, “ Woe to you who are rich, popular, healthy, ” He is saying that there is a hidden danger in their lives. If we have everything going well, there is a danger, a woe” in that because we can forget God.

A key to the Lord ‘s meaning is found in today’s first reading from the prophet Jeremiah where Jeremiah compares the just man to a tree planted beside the water and whose roots go into the stream. In a heat, its leaves stay green because it is connected not to the sand but to the stream.

If we look for spiritual strength, eternal life, inner healing, inner peace and joy in the wealth we have, we will be disappointed because it does not last or endure, and it has no depth.

On the other hand, for all of us who have known grief in life, we know that tragedy can be like a spiritual eye opener. It opens us to dig or explore deeper to waters of God’s life, God’s will, God ‘s grace.

Through these “ blessings” and “woes” the Lord is teaching us to look at what really nourishes our soul. Do we draw our self-worth, our identity and our purpose in life from the surface or the stream?

It is characteristic of many adolescents that their sense of identity comes from the outside. We know our value is truly rooted in our human dignity and in Christian Baptism. We know what we are worth not from the crowd but from the cross.

Here again the words of Jeremiah, “ Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters, that stretches out its roots to the stream; it fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves staying green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.”

St. Stephen News

WEEKEND MASS the Saturday evening mass rotates between St. Stephen and St. Edward Churches. The first and third Saturdays will be at St. Edwards and the second and fourth Saturdays will be at St. Stephen. The mass on Saturdays will be at 5 p.m. The Sunday morning mass times will remain the same.
St. Stephen 8:30 a.m. St. Edward – 10:30 a.m.

**WELCOME VISITORS ATTENDING MASS Welcome to our church.
Come visit us again.**

Guadalupe Project: Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to the Guadalupe Project may place their donation in an envelope labeled “Guadalupe” and put it in the collection basket .

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, or is interested in joining or returning to the Church, contact Father Charles at 662-6261 or Cheryl McCarty at 815-343-1502.

Prayer Chain: When a parishioner has an intention & requests prayers, Erin Pierce will initiate the prayer chain. She will contact Fr. Charles, who will determine the prayers. An email will be sent to all members, who will pray for the intentions. Each member should endeavor to assure the obligation is met. Call Erin 662-2266 erinmp1968@aol.com

Goodsearch: If you would like to help earn money for St. Ann's general fund **visit Goodsearch.com** and register making St. Ann's your charity. Please type in "St Ann’s Altar Society" (no punctuation). Make it your homepage or just use it to search or make online purchases.

SCRIP: Please consider **purchasing SCRIP** cards after weekend Masses. There are several retailers & restaurants participating in the program. St. Ann's buys the cards at a discounted rate and sells them at full face value. When you buy a card you receive a card worth the purchase price, Contact Erin or shopwithscrip.com.

Altar Society: The next three rotating chairmen are: Donna Myers, Beth Fancher, Jill Fehrenbacher

CRY ROOM St. Stephen’s Cry Room is in the Library, which is equipped with a TV set up with a live feed of both Masses.

